

Iowa Tornado Resources Update July 24, 2018

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UPDATE: Governor Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation Friday for Lee, Marshall, Polk and Van Buren counties in response to severe storms and tornadoes July 19 and continuing. The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of this severe weather and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along with the Disaster Case Management Program.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level or a maximum annual income of \$41,560 for a family of three. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the [Iowa Department of Human Services website](#). Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

Disaster Case Management is a program to address serious needs to overcome a disaster-related hardship, injury or adverse condition. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referral to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Management Program, contact your local community action association or visit www.iowacomunityaction.org.

Residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to report damage to help local and state officials better understand the damage sustained. Damage to property, roads, utilities, and other storm-related information may be reported. This information will be collected by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies. Report damage through the form provided by the [Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#).

July 20, 2018

Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, along with Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Acting Director Joyce Flinn, will tour areas impacted by severe storms and tornadoes on Friday, July 20, 2018.

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management

7900 Hickman Road, Suite 500

Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324

(515) 725-3231

<http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov>

Lee County Emergency Management

811 Avenue East

Fort Madison IA 52627

(319) 372-4124

<http://leecountyema.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/Lee-County-Iowa-Emergency-Management>

<https://twitter.com/LeeCountyIaEMA>

Marshall County Emergency Management

2369 Jessup Avenue, Floor 3

Marshalltown, IA 50158

(641) 754-6389

<http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/em>

<https://www.facebook.com/marshallcountyiowaemergencymanagement>

Polk County Emergency Management

1901 Carpenter Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50314

(515) 286-2107

<https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergency-management>

<https://www.facebook.com/polkcountyaema>

<https://twitter.com/PCEmrgManAgency>

Van Buren County Emergency Management

902 4th Street

Keosauqua IA 52565

(319) 288-0883

<http://vanburencoia.org>

American Red Cross Central Iowa

2116 Grand Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50312

(515) 243-7681

<http://www.redcross.org/local/iowa>

Serves Marshall and Polk counties.

American Red Cross South and Eastern Iowa

6300 Rockwell Drive NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Phone: (319) 393-3500
<http://www.redcross.org/local/iowa>

Serves Lee and Van Buren Counties.

Open Shelters:

Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA
108 Washington Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158
(641) 752-8658

Meskwaki Hotel and Casino
Conference Center
1504 305th Street
Tama, IA 52339
(800) 728-4263

Iowa Department of Transportation

800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
(515) 239-1101
<https://www.iowadot.gov>

Road closure information

No reported road closures currently in effect due to debris.
<http://511ia.org>

Iowa United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

<http://211iowa.org>

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

United Way

United Way of East Central Iowa
317 7th Ave SE, Suite 401
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
(319) 739-4211
<https://www.uweci.org>

Serves Marshall, Lee, Van Buren, and Polk Counties.

Salvation Army- Marshalltown

107 W State Street

Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

(641) 753-5236

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/western>

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Salvation-Army-Marshalltown-Iowa-1491263211124260>

Media Release: "Beginning today we will have four teams out serving food and water. There will be 3 canteens (mobile kitchens) driving through the affected area to meet needs from 8am-5pm. There will also be a team at the compost center serving food and water.

The First Presbyterian Church located at 101 S. Center will have a hot dinner and showers from 5-7pm for those without electricity and gas.

Ways you can help: (1) if you have a trailer and can take curbside brush to the compost center find a street and start moving it. (2) if you have a half day tomorrow 8-12 or 12-5 that you can help serve food see one of our vehicles and give them your information to be called. We like to have about 3 people to a team so you can specifically help in that way. (3) check on your friends and offer to help with clean up.

We are not accepting donations of clothing or household items at this time, this time will come. Food pantry items (canned goods and things that need to be cooked) are not ready to use just yet but again this time will come."

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20472

(800) 621-3362

<http://www.fema.gov>

Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL

National Headquarters
2025 East Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767
<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting “*List Myself as Safe and Well.*” Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting “*Search Registrants.*”

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

SAFE TRAVEL USA

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

Free Help Line:

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-342-6892, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>